

Brashear City La

Aug 31st 1863

Dear Mother

I thought I would write you a few lines this morning & send you my check of \$32.00. Garrison got a letter from you a few days ago & I have not had one in about two weeks.

I wrote you just before we left camp Hubbard. We have been expecting an attack here every day for about a week we calculated if they did attempt to cross that they would get a little warmer

reception than the nine months
now gave them while we were ^{gone} at
Port Hudson. But we have give up
their coming think the officers ~~get~~
were more scared than hurt.
We expect to go to Baton Rouge
tomorrow. it is ^{only} a report we don't
know for certain.

The paroled prisoners that were taken
here have been ordered back to the
Regt. Uncle Sam is in New Orleans
we expect him here to night.
You write in your letter that
you expect we are all taken
prisoners that must be a
mistake the Reds never have
taken no lots of Banks men
they did repulse our men at
Donaldsonville and that was
on account of two of our
officers getting feasted drunk
and did not carry out their

orders. Our Brigade was in
the reserve and was ordered
to the front but by the time
got there our men had fallen
back so far that it was no
use. the next morning the
Rebs skedaddled

We have been mustered to day
for another ^{two} months pay we think
we will get our ^{pay} soon in a
few days again.

The boys from Edwardsville are
all well. Well I have nothing
more to write there is nothing
going on here and no news
to write. Give my love to
all.

Yours with love

J. G. Brand
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P.S. Uncle Sam has got back
he looks tough and rugged
and is Branty